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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Masahiro UEMINAMI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2630

Application No.: 10/776,237 : Group Art Unit: 2829

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of June 21, 2005, wherein the Examiner required election between the patentably distinct species identified as Species a/ through Species 1/, Applicant hereby elects Species a/ of Figure 1, corresponding to claims 1 through 2 for prosecution in this application.

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It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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